

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Icelandic State Park holds exhibit ribbon cutting, June 7

The Northeastern North Dakota Heritage Association (NENDHA) extends an open invitation celebrating the completion of the Natural History Expansion. Guests are welcome to attend the *Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Dedication* on Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m. in the Pioneer Heritage Center.

The NENDHA has been fundraising over the past six years to expand the visitor center and install a state-of-the-art interpretive exhibit inviting visitors to explore the natural history and geologic features of the Rendezvous Region. This expansion features topics such as tallgrass and mixed-grass prairies, wetlands, and riparian woodland habitats. The exhibit was added to the permanent settlement era pioneer exhibits (1870-1920) that already exists in the main portion of the center. With all of the help from generous donors and grants, NENDHA was able match funds with Icelandic State Park to complete the \$265,000 project.

There will be guest speakers presenting on project history, contributions, and installation process. Refreshments will be served.

For those that can't make the opening, the Pioneer Heritage Center will be open from mid-May to mid-August from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Make some time this summer to stop in and explore!

More information about Icelandic State Park can be found online at www.parkrec.nd.gov or by calling the park at 701-265-4561.